

Association of Indiana Counties
“How Does Your County Provide Cybersecurity”
4th Grade Essay Contest
National County Government Month
April 2020

The Association of Indiana Counties presents an essay contest for fourth grade students across Indiana. The essay focus is “How Does Your County Provide Cybersecurity.”

Requirements:

- The essays should focus on Cybersecurity and how their county works to prevent the theft of electronic data and/or the disruption of the services they provide. Students should interview County Commissioners, IT Directors, EMA Directors, or other county officials to learn more about what their county does to prevent cyber-attacks.
- Essays should be no longer than one page, typed or handwritten.
- Essays will be judged according to how well students discuss the county’s role in cybersecurity. With the constant changes in the world of technology, its critical to update the security of our data and networks.
- Students should answer these questions: Who in the county administers cybersecurity? What does the county do to continue to educate their employees on cybersecurity? Why is it important?
- **Parent(s)/guardian’s names, phone and email** (Note: this is for notification of the winners).
- **Teacher’s name, school and email.**
- To be considered by our judging committee, all entries should be postmarked by February 19, 2020 and mailed directly to the address below:

Attn: Elizabeth Mallers
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Indianapolis, IN 46204

Prizes: \$100 will be granted to one student in each region of Indiana: Northwest, Northeast, West Central, East Central, Southwest, and Southeast. AIC would like to invite the winner and their parents to the district meeting to read their essay. There will also be a presentation of the check to the winner and local media will be notified.

AIC would like to request the distribution of these instructions and/or the forward of this message to all 4th grade teachers. We welcome any questions and/or concerns. AIC thanks you for your time, and we look forward to reviewing all the hard work the students put into their essays.

If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Mallers at emallers@indianacounties.org or (317) 684-3710.

